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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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16 E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND
COMPANY,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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20 USA PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGY,
INC., PERFORMANCE GROUP (USA),
INC., WALTER LIEW, and JOHN LIU,

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Defendants.

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Case No. 3:11-cv-01665-JSW

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER EXTENDING
STAY OF ACTION

Judge: Hon. Jeffrey S. White
Hearing Date: None

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Pursuant to the Court's March 27, 2012 Order, Plaintiff E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") and defendants Walter Liew and USA Performance Technology, Inc. (collectively "USAPT") submit this Joint Status Report. The parties request that the stay in this matter set to expire on May 31, 2012, remain in place for an additional 60 days, through July 30, 2012.

On August 23, 2011, the United States filed *United States v. Walter Liew and Christina Liew*, No. CR-11-0573-RS. On February 7, 2012, the United States filed a superseding indictment in said action. *Id.* at Docket # 64.

DuPont's Position: The superseding indictment alleges that defendant Walter Liew, his wife, Christina Liew, and several other defendants violated multiple federal trade secret and economic espionage laws when they stole – and utilized – the trade secrets at issue in this action. *Inter alia*, Mr. Liew is charged with Conspiracy to Commit Economic Espionage, Conspiracy to Commit Theft of Trade Secrets, Possession of Trade Secrets, Conveying Trade Secrets, Witness Tampering, and False Statements. *See id.* ¶¶ 16-97. In addition, the superseding indictment identifies five DuPont trade secrets relating to its TiO₂ technology at issue in the criminal action. *Id.* ¶ 14.

USAPT's Position: Defendants believe that the superseding indictment speaks for itself, and no further explanation or commentary is appropriate or needed.

On September 7, 2011, this Court issued an Order relating the criminal proceeding with this action, pursuant to its determination that this action and the criminal proceeding are related within the meaning of Crim. L.R. 8-1(b). (Docket # 42.)¹

On September 23, 2011, the parties filed a joint status report requesting that the stay initially entered on July 22, 2011 (Docket # 39), be extended for an additional 60 days. (Docket # 44.) On September 29, 2011, the Court granted the parties' request. (Docket # 45.)

On November 23, 2011, the parties filed an additional joint status report requesting that the stay be extended for an additional 60 days. (Docket # 46.) The Court granted the parties' request on November 29, 2011. (Docket # 48.)

On January 24, 2012, the parties filed an additional joint status report requesting that the stay be extended for an additional 60 days. (Docket # 49.) The Court granted the parties' request on January 31, 2012. (Docket # 50.)

¹ On September 16, 2011, DuPont dismissed without prejudice defendant John Liu pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1). (Docket # 43.) Thus, the only remaining defendants in this action are Walter Liew and his company, USA Performance Technology Inc.

1 On March 26, 2012, the parties filed an additional joint status report requesting that the
2 stay be extended for an additional 60 days. (Docket # 51.) The Court granted the parties' request
3 on March 27, 2012. (Docket # 52.)

4 The undersigned counsel request that the stay remain in place for an additional 60 days, at
5 which time the parties will update the Court.

6 Dated: May 23, 2012

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~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

Having read and considered the Joint Status Report,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The parties' request that the stay be extended until July 30, 2012 is hereby GRANTED.
Counsel shall submit a joint status report on or before July 23, 2012.

May 23, 2012



Honorable Jeffrey S. White
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE